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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method are presented for the synthesis of speech from provided text. Particularly, the generation of parameters within the system is performed as a continuous approximation in order to mimic the natural flow of speech as opposed to a step-wise approximation of the feature stream. Provided text may be partitioned and parameters generated using a speech model. The generated parameters from the speech model may then be used in a post-processing step to obtain a new set of parameters for application in speech synthesis.

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